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TAGS: OVIP (KI;SINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT - JOINT STATEMENTS

REF: KABUL 5482

1. THE SECRETARY AGREES TO ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT AT THE
CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT TO KABUL. IN LIEU OF THE LANGUAGE
CONTAINED REFTEL, THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING
TEXT:

QUOTE. UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER
PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ON
AUGUST , 1976, AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
AFGHANISTAN. DURING HIS STAY HE DISCUSSED BILATERAL AFFAIRS
AND ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH THE HEAD OF STATE AND
PRIME MINISTER, MR. MOHAMMAD DAOUD. MR. DAOUD BRIEFED
SECRETARY KISSINGER ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION.
THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSED THE UNITED STATES' STRONG
SUPPORT FOR THE RECENT INITIATIVES WHICH HAVE IMPROVED
RELATIONS AMONG STATES WITHIN THE REGION.

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DR. KISSINGER ALSO MET WITH MR. MOHAMMAD NAIM AND DEPUTY

FOREIGN MTNISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH. THE HEAD OF STATE HOSTED
A LUNCHEON IN DR. KISSINGER'S HONOR.

IN HIS DISCUSSIONS SECRETARY KISSINGER REAFFIRMED UNITED
STATES INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING CLOSELY IN AFGHANISTAN'S
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND NOTED ON-GOING
PROGRAMS IN THE HELMAND VALLEY, RURAL WORKS, EDUCATION
AND RURAL HEALTH. THE AFGHAN SIDE EXPRESSED ITS
PLEASURE AT AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN AND
ARE BEING MADE THROUGH BILATERAL ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL
AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION. THE U.S. EXPRESSED ITS
SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF AFGHANISTAN.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE WARM AND FRIENDLY
RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE.

2. FYI: WE DO NOT THINK IT WILL HELP AFGHAN FLEXIBILITY
AT COLOMBO FOR THEM TO GO THERE SHORTLY AFTER HAVING
ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH A JOINT U.S./AFGHAN STATEMENT
SUCH AS THAT OUTLINED IN THE REFTEL. END FYI.

3. YOU SHOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS STATEMENT WITH AFGHANS
OR SEEK THEIR CONCURRENCE UNTIL WE RECEIVE REACTION
FROM EMBASSY ISLAMABAD TO PARALLEL MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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